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...?
DID YOU MEET YORITOMO-KUN?
YOU DID MEET HIM, RIGHT?
YES
I SENT SOMEONE TO KEEP AN EYE ON YOU,
SO YOU DON'T NEED TO HIDE IT ANYMORE

WE DON'T
TRUST YOU COMPLETELY
THE FOURTH GENERATION HEAD OF THE KAJIWARA FAMILY ...
THE KAJIWARA FAMILY IS FROM BANDOU, RIGHT?
DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Note Bandou is a city in Japan located in Ibaraki Prefecture.

AND SPEAKING OF BANDOU, IT'S THE LAND OF THE GENJI RELATIVES OF YORITOMO'S FATHER, YOSHITOMO...
BESIDES, YOUR ANCESTORS AND YORITOMO'S ANCESTORS WERE WAR BUDDIES...
AND YOU ALSO SERVE AS YORITOMO'S ESCORT, RIGHT?
THAT IS CORRECT.

IT JUST OCCURRED TO ME THAT PERHAPS,
YOU HAD SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND, YOU KNOW, SINCE YOU HAD TO GO MEET HIM IN THAT MANNER

I'M ASKING YOU WHETHER YOU PROMISED THEM SOMETHING.
LIKE MAYBE, ATTACKING THE HEIKE SOMEDAY... OR SOMETHING OF THAT SORT.
OR BECOMING THEIR SPY... PERHAPS?
I'M BEING TESTED ...

IF YOU ARE SUSPECTING ME OF JOINING YORITOMO
AND REVOLTING AGAINST THE HEIKE,
THEN YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
BECAUSE OPPOSING THE HEIKE
WOULD BE LIKE KILLING MYSELF.
IN THAT CASE,
CAN YOU PLEDGE YOUR LOYALTY TO US?

AS YOU COMMAND OF ME.
IF YOU ARE THE REAL YORITOMO-DONO,
THEN THIS WILL GET US A COMMEN-DATION.

ARE YOU BLUFFING?
NO...!
THAT WAS A JOKE JUST NOW-
SHUT UP, WILL YOU?
I WON'T CUT OFF YOUR HEAD HERE
OR, ARE YOU STILL GOING TO INSIST ON BEING YORITOMO?

I WANT TO KNOW YOUR TRUE FEELINGS
LEADER...HUH?
SO I'M NOT GOING TO LIE ANYMORE
I AM THE REAL
MINAMOTO NO YORITOMO, LEADER OF THE GENJI
I CAME HERE
TO DISCUSS SOMETHING IMPORTANT WITH YOU,

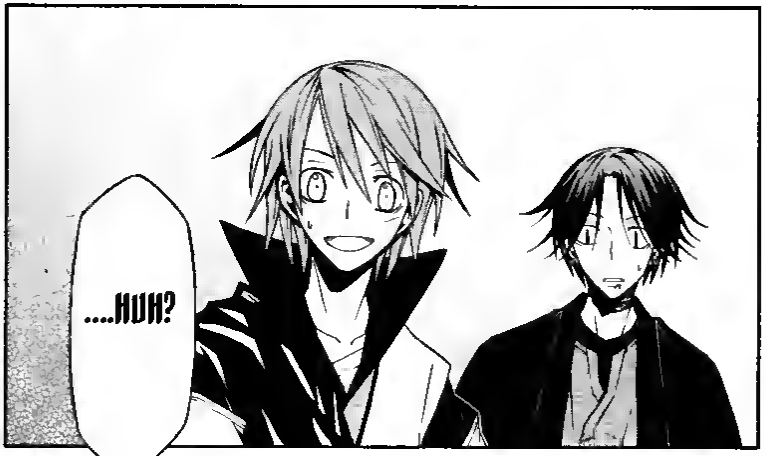
FOR WHAT PURPOSE,
EVEN SO, WILL YOU STILL
THERE WILL BE NO TURNING BACK...
IF YOU CONTINUE THIS, YOU'LL PASS THE POINT OF NO RETURN.

FOR WHAT PURPOSE
DO YOU THINK I CAME HERE FOR?
...YOSHITOMO-DONO,

WHY ARE YOU NOT HERE NOW?

HERE IS THE IMAGE OF THE LEADER THAT YOU SHOULD BE SEEING, RIGHT?
NO MIS-TAKING IT...!
YEAH!
...NO WONDER I REMEMBER HIS FACE...
!?
...KAGECHI-KA-DONO,
IT'S ALREADY FINE, ISN'T IT?
キンッ
BUT I THINK IT WAS TOO RECKLESS OF YOU TO COME HERE IN PERSON...
UMM...

SORRY FOR TESTING YOU!
WE'RE NOT WITH THE HEIKE, SO DON'T WORRY.
SHEAT
:)


....HUH?

WE WERE THINKING OF MEETING WITH YORITOMO-DONO AS WELL
WE WERE GLAD WHEN WE HEARD THAT YORITOMO-DONO'S EMVOY CAME, HOWEVER,
WE THOUGHT IT WAS DANGEROUS TO MAKE A MOVE AT THIS TIME SINCE THE HEIKE HAS SPIES EVERYWHERE
SO WE DECIDED TO WAIT A LITTLE AND THEN APPROACH YORITOMO-DONO OURSELVES AT THE PROPER TIME

UMM... COULD IT BE THE THREE OF YOU ARE...
YES
THAT'S WHY WE TRIED TO SEND YOU AWAY
PLEASE EXCUSE OUR BEHAVIOR
WE'RE PLANNING TO ATTACK THE HEIKE TOGETHER WITH YORITOMO-DONO
—SO TO SPEAK
BUT...
SINCE IT HAS COME TO THIS, IT'S PROBABLY BEST TO HURRY WITH THE MATTER...

BUT I WANTED TO KNOW YORITOMO-DONO'S INTENTIONS FIRST, BEFORE MAKING MY DECISION
BECAUSE UNLIKE SOME PEOPLE, I COULDN'T GO OFF TELLING OTHERS TO FIGHT THE HEIKE WITHOUT EVEN CONSIDERING THEIR FEELINGS ABOUT IT
THESE TWO CAME TO PERSUADE ME
DON'T PUT IT THAT WAY...
JUST THAT.
WE BELIEVED YORITOMO-DONO HAS THE WILL TO FIGHT THE HEIKE.
THEN THAT MEANS..!

YES,
BECAUSE WE FULLY UNDER-STAND YOUR INTENTIONS
WE WILL LEND YOU OUR STRENGTH
...NO,
PLEASE DO ALLOW US TO LEND YOU OUR STRENGTH
SURE...!!

AH~
DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT, SUKE
DIDN'T I TELL YOU
THAT I HAD A FEELING IT WAS GONNA WORK OUT?
SAYS YOU!!!
...UMM
YORITOMO-SAMA!!!

SAMA...!?

PLEASE CALL ME 'YOICHI'.
MY NAME IS SANADA YOICHI YOSHITADA.

YOU INSPIRED ME!!
THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU, I FELT THAT SOMETHING WAS NOT RIGHT, BECAUSE YOU CLEARLY LOOK EXTRAORDINARY FOR A LOWLY MESSENGER...!!

OK. YOICHI!

YOU..

YOICHI IS MY COUSIN
AND HE'S QUITE GOOD WITH THE SWORD
AS YOU CAN SEE, HE IS VERY SERIOUS IN WANTING TO HELP YORITOMO-DONO
Dazzling!
Thank you.
THE AURA EMANATING FROM YORITOMO-DONO WAS TOO DAZZLING, I INADVERTENTLY LOOKED AWAY
stare...
BUT... NO MATTER WHAT I DO, I COULD NOT KEEP MY EYES OFF YOU !
Aura...?
I WAS ENTHRALLED WHEN YOU DECLARED THAT YOU ARE THE LEADER EARLIER!!

MIURA...
I AM MIURA YOSHIZUMI
I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF YET

I'M GLAD DO YOU RECALL MY NAME?
IN THE PAST, I FOUGHT IN THE BATTLE AGAINST THE HEIKE
UNDER THE COMMAND OF YOUR OLDER BROTHER YOSHIHIRA-DONO.
I SEE.
AND THEN...
OF COURSE, YOICHI AND I ARE DESCENDED FROM THE MIURA.
MIURA HAD SERVED THE GENJI FOR GENERATIONS.
FOR A LONG TIME NOW, I HAVE BEEN THINKING OF LENDING YOU MY STRENGTH WHEN YOU RISE TO ACTION.
BECAUSE JUST LIKE YOU,
I ALSO HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN HOW MORTIFYING OUR DEFEAT WAS IN THE PAST.

THAT REMINDS ME, IN IZU...
THERE WAS...
BY THE WAY, DID YOU TWO...
NOTICE ANY SIGNS OF THE HEIKE ON YOUR WAY HERE?
NO I'M OVER-THINKING THINGS
NOTHING IN PARTICULAR...
BUT IT WON'T HURT TO BE CAREFUL
I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON THE HEIKE'S MOVEMENTS A BIT MORE AND JOIN YOU AFTERWARD
FOR THE MEANTIME, YOU SHOULD GO BACK TO IZU
SO AS NOT TO DRAW ATTENTION HERE
I WILL ALSO JOIN YOU AFTER I SEND WORD TO OUR ALLIES
OKAY
ALLIES?

YORI TOMO SAMA!
I'LL GO ANYWHERE WITH YOU!
I KNOW SOME PEOPLE WHO SYMPATHIZE WITH THE GENJI!
IF WE SEND WORD TO THEM, THEY WILL BE DELIGHTED TO JOIN YORITOMO-DONO'S FORCES.
LET'S GO!
SURE

...IF ONLY YOSHITOMO-DONO HAD NOT FAILED BACK THEN...
YOU'RE SAYING THAT NOW?
THE GOOD THING IS THAT YORITOMO-DONO IS ALIVE, AND THAT'S ENOUGH
AFTER THIS,
I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN REALLY DEFEAT THE HEIKE,
BUT AT LEAST WE CAN SAY THAT HE IS OUR HOPE
HOPE...

HIS MERE FRESENCE
WILL STRENGTHEN OUR ALLIANCE
AM I WRONG?
WELL THEN...

VERY SOON...

I'LL ESCORT YORITOMO-DONO MIDWAY

VERY SOON-
I...
WANT TO BE AT EASE.
HUH?
!

IT'S MON-GAKU.
YOU'RE THAT MAN
AT YORI-TOMO'S PLACE!
IF I REMEM-BER COR-RECTLY...
HE CALLED YOU "MORITO"...
NO.
!?...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? I'M THE TOP CLASS GUITAR TENCHI!
THIS LAND IS LIKE A GARDEN TO ME!

I'M IN A HURRY
DON'T GET IN MY WAY
WAIT.

YOU LOOK SUSPICIOUS...
YOU'VE BEEN TO THE CAPITAL, EH?
SO WHAT?
WHY ARE YOU HERE TOO?

YOU'RE A GENJI ALLY, AREN'T YOU?

OBVIOUSLY
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU?
THE WORLD OF HUMANS DOESN'T CONCERN ME.
BUT, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT I'M NOT WITH THE HEIKE.
I GUESS SO~
A TENGU CAN EASILY DO THINGS
SAY...
THAT HUMANS CAN'T DO, RIGHT?
IF SO, THEN-

YOU ARE HUMAN, AREN'T YOU?
DO NOT TRY TO GO BEYOND THE LIMITS OF WHAT HUMANS CAN DO.
DO NOT WISH FOR SOMETHING SO FOOLISH.
YOU WILL ONLY LOSE YOUR LIFE, YOUNG-STER.

WEREN'T YOU
IN A HURRY?
I TOO AM BUSY
FARE-WELL
FOOLISH

I WANT TO BECOME AT EASE SOON.
YORITOMO'S PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION WAS SUCCESSFUL.
MEANWHILE, MORITO HAS RETURNED FROM THE CAPITAL.
BUT THAT PERSON
DIDN'T SAY IT WAS FOOLISH.